

NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

Wife of ex-Governor Moody of Oregon, dies suddenly at Salem.

Great Britain is again accused of using the Stars and Stripes to avoid attacks by German submarines.

United States government will send a sharp protest to England and her allies for the commercial blockade against Germany.

The French government is reported as having 25,000,000 shells together with 7,000,000 men at the front awaiting orders to advance on the Germans.

The first visit of the James J. Hill big steamer Great Northern, to ply between San Francisco and Astoria, arrived amid the cheers of 10,000 spectators.

The once pugilist champion of the world, Robert Fitzsimmons, will take his fourth wife, who resides in Portland, Ore. He is 56 years old and the bride to be is 28.

In a long statement, Provisional President Roque Gonzalez Garsa, of Mexico, promises protection of the public in Mexico City. All business houses, after 18 days' suspension, have opened.

Frank Stites, a Los Angeles aviator, aged 30, fell 800 feet in an "air well" at a motion picture city near here late Wednesday, jumped from the aeroplane when 30 feet from the ground and died from his injuries shortly afterward.

Sinking of the cruiser Dresden by British is claimed to be unfair by the German officers, inasmuch as the vessel was at anchor in neutral waters. It is also claimed that a shell from the British warship killed a woman and child on shore.

The largest superdreadnaught in the world was launched at Newport, N. H., by Uncle Sam. She will carry twelve 14-inch guns and has a displacement of 4000 tons more than England's largest warship. The cost to build her is \$14,000,000.

The German sea raider, Prinz Eitel Frederick, at Newport News for repairs, honored America by having the band play the Star-Spangled Banner as the President's yacht passed on its way to the launching of the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania.

Germany has sufficient food to meet her needs for two years, according to W. D. Boyce, editor of the Chicago Ledger, and Horace Herr, editor of the Indianapolis Times, who have just returned from a trip through Germany. Messrs. Boyce and Herr said that food was not any "bluffing" about a food shortage.

Living on \$6 a week in New York is a simple problem. Miss Dorothy Miller, a 19-year-old shop-girl, told a legislative committee investigating the minimum wage problem. If one wants more clothes, she explained, it is only necessary to eat less food and if more food is wanted, skimp on the clothes allowance.

Fergus Falls, Minn.—Professor J. O. A. Larson, of the Park region college at Fergus Falls, has received a letter recently that went down with the Empress of Ireland. The message was gone from the envelope, but the letter was in a good state of preservation and easily read. It was rescued from the wreck by divers. Mr. Larson was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, Eng., at the time the vessel sank, and the letter was addressed to him there, and was forwarded to England and then to this city.

The last of Newfoundland's contingent of 1000 men has reached England to enter the ranks of the British forces.

Spies are becoming so active in France that stringent measures are being taken against all foreign residents.

Arrangements are said to have been completed between Russia and Germany for the exchange of 200,000 war prisoners. The exchange, it is reported, will be made by way of Stockholm harbor, beginning in April.

Reports from Tenosos say that the Turkish artillery grows weaker daily, and that the last bombardment by the allied warships badly damaged the forts at Chanak Kalesi. Two big cruisers spent the night in the straits protecting the vessels engaged in mine sweeping.

Dispatches from Rome indicate that the German ambassador, Prince von Buelow, has renewed his negotiations with the Italian government with the object of securing the continued neutrality of that country in return for territorial concessions in Austria. Austria, however, is said to be opposed to making any such concessions as would satisfy Italy.

Shipment of American-made cannon for the Russian forces is delayed by a longshoremen's strike at Vancouver, B. C.

Rector of Trinity church, one of the wealthiest in the country, declares that divorce was "the shameful luxury of the rich and well-to-do."

The police department of Washington, D. C., have been ordered to place strict guard over the residences of British, Russian, Turkish, German, French and Austrian ambassadors, as threatening letters have been received by them.

62 MILLION WHEAT YIELD PREDICTED IN NORTHWEST

Portland—The Pacific Northwest this year will turn out one of the largest wheat crops it has ever produced, if the weather conditions between now and harvest time are favorable. Should the weather not be as good as the farmers wish, the crops will still be equal to last year's in size, according to well-informed grainmen, as there is enough new acreage planted in wheat to offset any probable deficiency in the old acreage.

In all parts of the Pacific Northwest farmers are putting spare land to wheat, and in some sections summer fallowing will be abandoned to increase this year's grain production.

The increased acreage runs as high as 20 per cent in a few localities, but in the Pacific Northwest as a whole it is probable that 10 per cent will be the maximum gain.

This would produce a wheat crop of about 62,000,000 bushels in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Last year's crop was about 56,000,000 bushels. To have a full yield, however, the weather from now on must be satisfactory in every respect.

Taking the Pacific Northwest as a whole, grainmen say that wheat crop conditions are not quite as good as at this time last year. Some wheatgrowing sections are suffering from a deficiency of moisture. This is particularly true of part of Eastern Oregon, but there is ample time for this defect to be remedied. One year ago growing conditions were pronounced ideal in the Northwest. At that time it was predicted the crop would be close to 70,000,000 bushels, but this result was not realized.

This year growers are equally hopeful and even with adverse conditions the yield of last year will be repeated, while the chances for a still larger crop are good.

Whether or not the crop is a bumper one, it is almost certain to bring the farmers more money than any crop they have raised before. According to wheat authorities all over the world, wheat prices are bound to be high this year whether the war continues or not. Wheat growing in Europe is being carried on this year under the greatest difficulties, and even though the neutral exporting countries have bumper yields, it is not likely they can make up for the deficiencies in belligerent countries, where wheat will be most needed.

German Cruiser Is Sunk In South Seas by British

London—"The Dresden has been sunk."

The announcement of the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden came after nightfall Monday, but the news spread quickly through the theaters and restaurants and there was much rejoicing that this commerce raider, whose whereabouts have been a mystery since her escape after the Falkland Islands engagement in December, had at last been sent to the bottom. The fact that all the crew of the Dresden were saved sets a new record for rescue after an action at sea, and a naval battle of five minutes' duration probably is another record. The details furnished by the admiralty are scant, but apparently the British ships, after a long chase, found the German vessel in the South Atlantic.

The sinking of the Dresden leaves at large on the high seas, so far as is known, only two German war vessels—the cruiser Karlsruhe, last reported as operating in the West Indies, and the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, which is still raiding commerce in the South Atlantic.

The Dresden was a member of the German squadron which was defeated by the British off the Falkland Islands in December. She was the only one of five German warships to escape. The Dresden was said to have fled to the westward but there had been no definite reports as to her whereabouts since that time. She was reported unofficially to have been seen in the Straits of Magellan and later to be in hiding in one of the bays on the Chilean coast.

Rich Folk Leave Germany.

Copenhagen, via London.—The hotels and the better-class boarding houses here are crowded with well-to-do Germans, who are ineligible for military service. It is said that those people, responding to an appeal from their government, are leaving Germany in large numbers, in order that there will be fewer people to feed while the war lasts.

It is reported from Sweden and Norway that many other Germans of similar class have arrived in those countries.

Court Used for Services.

Berlin.—In the main hall of the Criminal court building in Alt-Moabit the first divine services for refugees from the regions of East Prussia devastated by the Russians was held. Several young persons were confirmed and a number of children were baptized.

Monument for Aviator Beachey.

San Francisco.—The board of supervisors favored a plan to create a fund for the erection of a monument in Golden Gate Park to the memory of Lincoln Beachey. He is said to have left an estate of several hundred thousand dollars, much of which is government bonds.

Hood River Apple Growers' Association Votes to Secede

Hood River.—The board of directors of the Hood River Apple Growers' association has recommended that the Hood River association withdraw from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors.

Final action, however, rests with the members of the local association, who will vote on the question at the annual meeting in April. The vote of the directors was unanimous. A series of meetings will be held throughout the valley to discuss the action of the directors.

Prominent growers who are acquainted with the sentiment throughout the community declare that the action of the board of directors will receive practically the unanimous support of the organization's membership.

"I know of a tonnage of at least 100,000 boxes of apples that will be immediately signed up with the association," says Oscar Vanderbilt, a member of the recently elected Growers' Council, "as soon as it is learned that the Apple Growers' association is no longer an affiliation of the Distributors."

While it was expected that the growers at the April meeting would in all probability take action to withdraw from the Distributors, this action on the part of the board of directors came as a great surprise. The haste with which the board acted probably comes as a direct result of the failure of Mr. Vanderbilt Saturday to accept a nomination to the board for the coming year.

Saving of Over Half Million Dollars Shown

Salem.—Notwithstanding the high cost of living and the increasing demands of the state because of growing population and wealth, the recent legislature made a net saving in appropriations over the preceding one of \$644,560.05, according to a summary of Secretary of State Olcott.

The figures show a total saving under existing laws for the biennium of 1915 and 1916 over the biennium of 1913 and 1914 of \$381,313.41. For 1913 and 1914 the appropriations by the legislature netted \$4,610,175.75, and for 1915 and 1916 \$3,965,615.70. The total appropriations under existing laws for 1913 and 1914 were \$6,691,962.08, and for 1915 and 1916 \$5,310,648.67.

Another important feature of the saving is that several laws passed at the session of 1913 provided for appropriations for only one year, notably the workmen's compensation act and the act creating the state highway fund. The appropriations for these departments for the current biennium for that reason total about \$300,000 more.

While the saving over the former biennium is somewhat less than leaders of the recent house and senate figured it would be, members of the session in speaking of it express gratification and declare that the campaign pledges of the members for economy have been kept.

J. E. Allison, bookkeeper for the

Autos Out Horsed From State Fair Program

Salem.—At a meeting the State Fair board decided to discontinue after 1915 the classic futurity races at the State Fair. The reason for the decision is that the breeding of fast horses in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest is on the wane since the automobile has come into general use.

The board named opening day, September 27, as children's day; Wednesday will be Salem day; Thursday, Portland day; Friday, Press and Oregon Manufacturers' day, and Saturday, Shriners' day. Nothing was arranged for Tuesday.

For the six days of racing the board will offer a card of 18 events with cash prizes of \$16,400. The big days of the fair from the racing standpoint will be Salem day and Portland day. There will be a 3-year-old pace, a futurity event, with a purse of \$1500, Salem day. Purses for this race will go to the winners of the best two in three heats. The 2:08 pace, for a \$2000 purse, also will be run Wednesday. It will be run in five heats. The 2:30 trot is scheduled for Salem day.

The board has allotted the 2:12 trot, best three in five heats, and has hung up a purse of \$2000 for the winners for Portland day. The 2:20 pace for a \$600 purse and the 2:15 pace for a \$700 purse, also will be run Thursday. Tuesday's card will include the 3-year-old trot, futurity, for a \$2000 purse. All races are early-closing events excepting the futurities.

Oregon Asked for Militia.

Salem.—Governor Withycombe has made application to the Navy department for the assignment of the old battleship Oregon to Portland for use by the Naval Militia of the state. It

Fair Board Job Held Up.

Salem.—The State Fair board has decided to postpone the appointment of a secretary until after March 15, when the terms of two members will expire and successors will be appointed by the governor. It was thought that W. A. Jones, a member of the board, and Frank Meredith, present secretary, had about an even number of supporters. Mr. Jones, however, will have to resign as a member of the board before he can be elected secretary. All members of the board were present except Mrs. Edith Towler Weatherford.

year. After the meeting, when asked his motive in refusing the nomination, he explained that he preferred to be a free lance to being tied up with the Distributors. The board held a meeting Saturday night, with the result that the above announcement was made.

With relations with the North Pacific Fruit Distributors severed, the Hood River Valley will undoubtedly be the most strongly organized section in the Northwest, because many growers who now ship independently will join the association. It is estimated that 95 per cent of the Hood River apples will be shipped this year through the local association.

Many growers during the past two years have shipped independently on account of the affiliation. These will now join the local association, which will market its fruit direct.

While the local growers do not find fault with the basic principles of the Spokane agency, complaint has been heard because of the overhead expense, which, it is declared, is exorbitant. The financial management also has been criticized. While returns are received at the main office soon after sales are made, because of the complexity of pools the grower has to wait too long before receiving his money.

H. F. Davidson, president of the Distributors, is a member of the board of directors of the Apple Growers' association.

American Citizen Slain by Zapata in Mexico City

Washington, D. C.—Encouraging advice telling of the relief of the food famine in Mexico City through the evacuation of the capital by the forces of General Obregon, the Carranza commander, were beclouded Saturday by the news that on the entry of the Zapata troops, John B. McManus, an American citizen, was murdered—shot down in his home, the door of which had been sealed with the coat of arms of the United States, and over which flew the Stars and Stripes.

Instant demand was made by the Brazilian minister on behalf of the United States government for the punishment of those guilty of the crime.

After a conference between President Wilson and his cabinet, Secretary Bryan telegraphed the Brazilian minister approving of the action he had taken and adding a demand for reparation to the family of the victim. The minister was instructed to insist on the early punishment of the offenders and to impress on the post commander at Mexico City—General Salazar—the seriousness with which the American government viewed the occurrence. The general—who is not related to the independent chief who has been conducting a revolutionary movement in Northern Mexico since escape from American custody last year—promised that the demands of the United States would be met promptly.

British Cruiser Is Sunk by German Torpedo

London.—The admiralty announced the loss of the auxiliary cruiser Bayano while the vessel was engaged in patrol duty. In its statement of the disaster, the admiralty says:

"On March 11 wreckage of the Bayano and bodies were discovered, and circumstances point to her having been sunk by an enemy torpedo. "Eight officers and 18 men were rescued, but it is feared the remainder of the crew were lost."

The captain of the Belfast steamer Castlereagh reports passing Thursday morning a quantity of wreckage and dead bodies floating in life belts. He attempted to search for possible survivors, but was prevented by the presence of an enemy submarine, which gave chase for 20 minutes.

The Bayano was a comparatively new steamer. She was built at Glasgow in 1913 and was owned by Elder & Ryffes before she was taken over by the British government and fitted out as an auxiliary cruiser.

The Bayano was of 3500 tons displacement and 416 feet long.

Mrs. John D. Rocketteller Dies at Country Home

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Mrs. John D. Rocketteller, wife of the richest man in the world, died suddenly Friday in her 76th year at the Rocketteller country home in Pocantico Hills. She had been an invalid for a year, but during the last few months her health had so improved that she had taken for the winter which her illness took was not expected by her family.

For this reason it happened that the only relative at her bedside when she died at 10:20 a. m. was her sister, Miss Lucy M. Spelman.

Her husband and her son, John D. Rocketteller, Jr., were at Ormond, Fla., where they went—Mr. Rocketteller, Sr., on February 28 and his son last Friday, accompanied by his wife—believing that Mrs. Rocketteller was growing better. Informed over the long-distance telephone early in the day of the critical change in her condition, they left at once for Jacksonville, where arrangements were quickly made for a special train to bring them to New York. They were expected to arrive here some time Sunday night.

Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentice, one of Mrs. Rocketteller's two daughters, was summoned from New York, but failed to arrive before her mother died. The other daughter, Mrs. Harold Fowler McCormick, of Chicago, is in Switzerland, recuperating from an illness. Her husband was about to sail to join her, but cancelled his passage and came here at once.

Snakes Slumber at End.

Portland.—The awakening of the snakes at Washington Park zoo, after several months in hibernation, is heralded by Animal Keeper Herman as the first genuine dependable sign of spring. When the big rattler began to move about Sunday, Mr. Herman says he was jubilant, for he was sure the winter season had passed. Traps will be set soon to catch a supply of mice and sparrows for the first spring meal of the snakes. Mr. Herman says he expects they will be ready for their breakfast about the middle of April.

125 Merchantmen Sunk.

Amsterdam.—The Mittag Zeitung, of Berlin, has published a list of merchantmen said to have been destroyed by the German navy since the beginning of the war. According to it German vessels have sunk 111 steamers with a total tonnage of 400,000; 40 auxiliary cruisers with a total tonnage of 32,500; one sailing vessel, one schooner, eight mine sweepers and one troop transport.

"Hobo King" Gets \$250,000.

Los Angeles.—James Eads How, "millionaire hobo king," inherited property here worth \$125,000 and the income from a trust fund of equal size. The bequest is in the will of his mother, filed here dividing her estate between her sons. A "hobo," according to How, is a man who wants to work and cannot get it.

German Submarines Sink Three British Freighters

London.—During the early hours of Wednesday morning German submarines made their presence known in the British coastal waters, and it is said officially, without giving warning to their crews, sank three British merchant steamers.

In one case, that of the steamer Tangistan, which was torpedoed off Scarborough, in the North Sea, 37 men of her crew of 38 are missing. Only one man from the vessel was picked up, he by a passing ship. The attack which sent the Tangistan to the bottom was made half an hour after midnight.

At 6 o'clock in the morning another submarine sank the steamer Blackwood, off Hastings, in the English Channel, while a third submarine sank the steamer Princess Victoria off Liverpool at a quarter past 9 o'clock.

The news of the latest exploits of the German submarines came just as the British public was congratulating itself that the threatened German sea blockade had been a failure.

In announcing the disasters the admiralty gave out the following:

"The steamer Tangistan was sunk by a German off Scarborough at 12:30 o'clock the morning of March 10. Only one man of her crew of 38 men was saved."

"The steamer Blackwood was sunk by a submarine without warning off Hastings at 6 o'clock the morning of March 10. Her crew of 17 was saved."

"The steamer Princess Victoria, of Glasgow, was sunk without warning by a German submarine at 9:15 o'clock the morning of March 10 off Liverpool. Her crew of 34 was saved."

The official report announcing the torpedoing of the British steamers Tangistan, Blackwood and Princess Victoria—the two former cargo boats and the latter once a coastwise passenger ship—indicates that German submarines are again raiding at widely separated points around the British Isles. As all the boats were torpedoed in a period of less than nine hours it would seem probable that all three were sunk by different underwater boats.

Scarborough, off which port the Tangistan was sunk, is on the North Sea, in Yorkshire; Hastings is on the English Channel, in Sussex, and Liverpool is on the Irish Sea.

The Tangistan, the largest of the sunken vessels, was of 2393 tons displacement. She was built in 1906 and was owned by the Strick line, of Swansea. The Blackwood was built in 1907 and belonged to the Tyneside line, of North Shields. She was a 741-ton vessel.

The Princess Victoria was owned by M. Langlands & Sons, of Glasgow.

U. S. Sends Two Warships to Mexican Coast

Washington, D. C.—American citizens have again been warned to leave Mexico City, in view of the critical situation that has arisen there. Secretary Bryan announced that transportation facilities would be sought for as many as desired to leave.

The battleship Georgia and the armed cruiser Washington were ordered by Secretary Daniels, after conferences with President Wilson, to proceed at once to Vera Cruz.

Consular messages from Vera Cruz said it was reported there that the evacuation of Mexico City began Wednesday night.

Enrique C. Llorente, Washington representative of General Villa, received a message saying the Zapatista forces occupied Mexico City immediately on the evacuation by Obregon's troops.

Word came from American Consul Silliman that at a personal interview with General Carranza he has delivered to the latter the formal note from the United States government, demanding an improvement in conditions for foreigners in the territory under his control.

Carranza promised a written reply soon, but said orally that General Obregon had not prevented food supplies from reaching the City of Mexico, nor had he sent the available supplies from the capital.

These were the principal developments in the Mexican situation, the importance of which overshadowed by official Washington interest in the European war.

Although the contents of the American note to Carranza were not revealed, its emphatic tone impressed members of the diplomatic corps that serious consequences would ensue if Carranza failed to heed the representations made to him.

Bitneys Bob Up in Baker.

Baker, Or.—Baker has a bitney service. Not a jitney nor a taxi service, but a bitney service. One taxi firm in a rate war tried to get the business by selling books good for ten 25-cent rides for \$2.25. There were many purchasers, but another firm lowered the rate to 25 cents a round trip, with a ticket for another ride if the passenger goes only one way. This made the fare 12 1/2 cents, or, in common talk, a bit. The only people who do not enjoy the war are those who loaded up on the books that gave rides for 22 1/2 cents.

American Bark Is Seized.

Galveston.—The American bark Pass of Balmaha, from New York to Bremen, carrying 6000 bales of cotton, has been seized by a British cruiser and taken to Kirkwall, England, according to private reports to B. E. Harris, member of a cotton concern which chartered the bark. The Pass was seized by the British bark later had been changed from British to American registry and sailed from New York January 28.

CARRANZA REPLIES

Mexican Note Addressed to President Wilson Personally.

General Makes Promise, But Responsibility Is Denied—Conditions Are Grave.

Vera Cruz.—General Venustiano Carranza, in answer to the protest addressed to him by Secretary of State Bryan through United States Consul Silliman, regarding conditions in the City of Mexico, addressed a reply to President Wilson personally.

He denies the responsibility of the constitutionalists for a situation which is considered alarming for foreigners, but expresses the hope that Americans and citizens of other countries will lose no time in departing from Mexico until tranquility shall be restored.

The constitutionalist chief pledged himself to provide every facility for the exodus which he recommends. He suggested that if foreign residents do not desire to leave the country they should seek safer places in the republic.

General Carranza declares that he always has tried to safeguard the interests of Americans and other foreigners and intends to continue this course.

The charges that General Obregon has deliberately fostered disturbances in Mexico City are denied by Carranza, who declares every possible effort has been made to distribute food supplies. He contends that the present situation has been aggravated by the conduct of merchants who have protested against the imposition of a humanitarian relief tax.

German Cruiser Sinks American Merchantman

Newport News, Va.—The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, after a four-months' commerce destroying cruise over the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, which culminated in the sinking of an American sailing ship in the South Atlantic, January 28, made this port Thursday and anchored for supplies and repairs. She brought with her rescued crews and passengers of American, British, French and Russian ships, and lay at anchor in a state of mechanical exhaustion from the strain of a 30,000-mile voyage.

The cruiser began her scouting for ships of enemies of the fatherland at Tsing Tau, China, last November, under Commander Thierichsen, who admitted the sinking of eight merchant ships—three British, three French, one Russian and one American.

The sinking of the American ship, the William P. Frye, a sailing vessel bound from Seattle to Queenstown with 5300 tons of wheat, most concerned American port officials here.

H. H. Kiehn, of Baltimore, master of the American ship, after leaving the Prinz Eitel Friedrich with Customs Collector Hamilton told a dramatic story of his experiences. With him were his wife and two children.

Allied Warships Go Into Narrowes of Dardanelles

London.—Actual entrance to the Narrows—the most strongly fortified part of the Dardanelles, has been made by the British dreadnaughts, Queen Elizabeth and smaller vessels and the forts therein shelled directly and part of the channel swept of mines, according to reports received here from Athens.

The Turkish batteries on the Heights of Renkui have been silenced and 30 big guns mounted on motor trucks were destroyed by the warships, say the dispatches.

Part of an exploded Turkish shell fell at the feet of Rear Admiral Guepratte, of the French fleet, says a dispatch from Paris. Several shells have struck the battleship Suffren. The battleship Gaulois also was struck by two 6-inch shells. No serious damage to either was reported.

Cotton Ship Detained.

New York.—The American steamer Vigilance, which sailed from Savannah February 22, with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, has been intercepted at sea by a British cruiser and taken to Kirkwall, according to cable advices received here.

The Vigilance was sold recently by the Ward line to the Walker-Armstrong company, of Savannah. This was her first trans-Atlantic voyage since the sale.

The steamship City of Columbus, which arrived from Rotterdam, reported that a British cruiser fired two shots across her bows in the English Channel and held her up until satisfied of her American identity and destination.

Nation's Need Is First.

London.—Speaking of the compensation to be made to persons whose factories the government might commandeer under the amendment of the realm act Chancellor Lloyd-George promised that everything possible would be done to reduce inconvenience and loss. "It is, however, a matter of life and death with this country that we increase enormously our supplies of munitions of war. The national needs are so overwhelming that I hope those who are inconvenienced in the matter of contracts will put up with it."